

Launch of the Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2015: Achievements, Challenges and the Post-2015 Agenda

Venue: University of Helsinki, Language Centre, Festival Hall, Fabianinkatu 26

Date: Friday, 10 April 2015

Launch event will be streamed live online via https://connectpro.helsinki.fi/gmr_launch_helsinki/

- 12.30-12.35** Welcoming Words, UNESCO Chair, Professor Heikki Lyytinen, University of Jyväskylä
- 12.35-12.45** Opening, Director General Pekka Puustinen, Department for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- 12.45-13.30** EFA GMR 2015: Achievements and challenges, Senior Policy Analyst Asma Zubairi, GMR team, UNESCO
- 13.30-14.00** Discussion
- 14.00-14.20** Coffee
- 14.20-15.50** Post-2015 Education Agenda, roundtable discussion with representatives from Finnish ministries, academia and civil society organisations: Secretary General Rilli Lappalainen, Finnish NGO platform Kehys; Senior Education Adviser Jussi Karakoski, Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Executive Director Timo Lappalainen, KEPA ry; Professor Hannu Savolainen, Finnish National Commission for UNESCO, University of Jyväskylä; International Coordinator Anders Rusk, Trade Union of Education in Finland, OAJ; Counsellor of Education Tiina Vihma-Purovaara, Ministry of Education and Culture; Adjunct Professor Hannele Cantell, University of Helsinki. Introduction: Director of International Relations Jaana Palojärvi, Ministry of Education and Culture. Chair: Professor Gunilla Holm, University of Helsinki
- 15.50-16.00** Closing words, Professor Gunilla Holm, University of Helsinki

The main international Global Monitoring Report launch events will take place on 9 April in Paris and Delhi. In Finland, the launch event is organised by the Faculty of Education at the University of Jyväskylä, and Nordic Centre of Excellence 'Justice through Education in the Nordic Countries', Faculty of Behavioural Sciences, and Global South network at the University of Helsinki in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

The event will also serve as the national preparation for the World Education Forum 2015 that will be held 19-22 May in Incheon, in the Republic of Korea. The conference, organized by UNESCO jointly with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and the World Bank, is a milestone event towards setting the post-2015 agenda on education.

The conference will take stock of achievements and shortfalls of the implementation of Education for All (EFA) agenda and the education-related MDG goals, and agree on a joint position for education in the post-2015 agenda to be adopted by the United Nations Special Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2015.